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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

- SPECULATION OVER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ICA
TAICHUNG-TAINAN CLOSURES APPEARED FOR FIRST TIME IN
CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS THIS WEEK. UNITED DAILY NEWS
(LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, KAO
HUI-YU, LINKED CLOSURES WITH BRZEZINSKI'S PEKING VISIT
IN SPECIAL ARTICLE WHICH REPORTED "ALMOST ALL WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS BELIEVE CLOSURES
ARE CONNECTED WITH BRZEZINSKI TRIP" AND THAT U.S. MADE
ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO BRZEZINSKI TRIP TO APPEASE PRC.
SAME PAPER FOLLOWED UP ARTICLE NEXT DAY WITH EDITORIAL
WHICH QUESTIONED BUDGETARY RATIONALE GIVEN FOR CLOSURES
AND ASKED, "IS IT OVERTURE TO BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP TO
PEIPING? DOES IT MEAN STEP TOWARD FULFILLING SO-CALLED
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SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE?" SAMPLE OF PUBLIC OPINION ON
CLOSURES WAS EXPRESSED IN LETTER TO CHINA NEWS (ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE; 20,000) FROM READER WHO TERMED LIBRARIES
"CULTURAL AFFAIRS" WHICH SHOULD NOT BE "CONSIDERED MEANS
TO SERVE POLITICAL AIMS."

- DEBATE OVER SIGNIFICANCE OF PEKING VISIT CONTINUED

IN PRESS. CHINA NEWS, VOICING LOUDEST OBJECTION TO VISIT, EDITORIALY REITERATED THEME OF AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ROC AS EXEMPLIFIED BY PUBLIC OPINION POLLS AND REPORTS THAT "THIRTY-ONE OF 50 STATE LEGISLATURES" ON RECORD AS BACKING ROC. "THAT, IN OPINION OF PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND OF MANY AMERICANS AS WELL, MAKES BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP UNNECESSARY AND UNDESIRABLE," PAPER SAID. CONTINUING OBJECTIONS IN SECOND EDITORIAL, CHINA NEWS SUSPECTED BRZEZINSKI OF USING ROC AS "PAWN" IN GAME OF BIG POWER POLITICS. "THE MORE WE LEARN ABOUT THIS TRIP BY FORMER COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, THE LESS APPETIZING IT APPEARS," PAPER STATED.

- OPINIONS IN CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS WERE MORE SANGUINE. NOTED COMMENTATOR, TU HENGTSSE OF TUNG HAI UNIVERSITY, WRITING IN UNITED DAILY NEWS, THOUGHT BRZEZINSKI WAS SKEPTICAL OF NIXON'S DETENTE POLICY AND KNOWS PRC IS ADVERSARY OF FREE WORLD AND ROC HISTORICAL ALLY OF U.S. THEREFORE, TU SAID, "THERE IS NO REASON FOR ANXIETY" OVER BRZEZINSKI'S COMING VISIT TO PRC. CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) CARRIED ANALYSIS BY CHEN CHING OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WHICH ARGUED PEKING VISIT PROMPTED BY INTERNAL PRESSURES OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND EXPECTED NO RESULTS FROM VISIT SINCE CARTER AND VANCE BOTH INSIST ON TAIWAN'S SECURITY AND FREEDOM AND AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORTS ROC. UNITED DAILY NEWS ALSO REPORTED INTERVIEW WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITING AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR MICHAEL LINDSAY WHO GAVE OPINION THAT NORMALIZATION WAS NOT MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT AND SAID HE EXPECTED NO NORMALIZATION DURING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST TERM.

- ELSEWHERE PAPERS PLAYED UP REPORT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM "TWENTY SEVEN" CONGRESSMEN OF BOTH PARTIES OPPOSING VISIT AND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CHIANG FROM NINETEEN U.S. SENATORS WHICH REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO ANY POLICY WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF ROC. AYERS

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